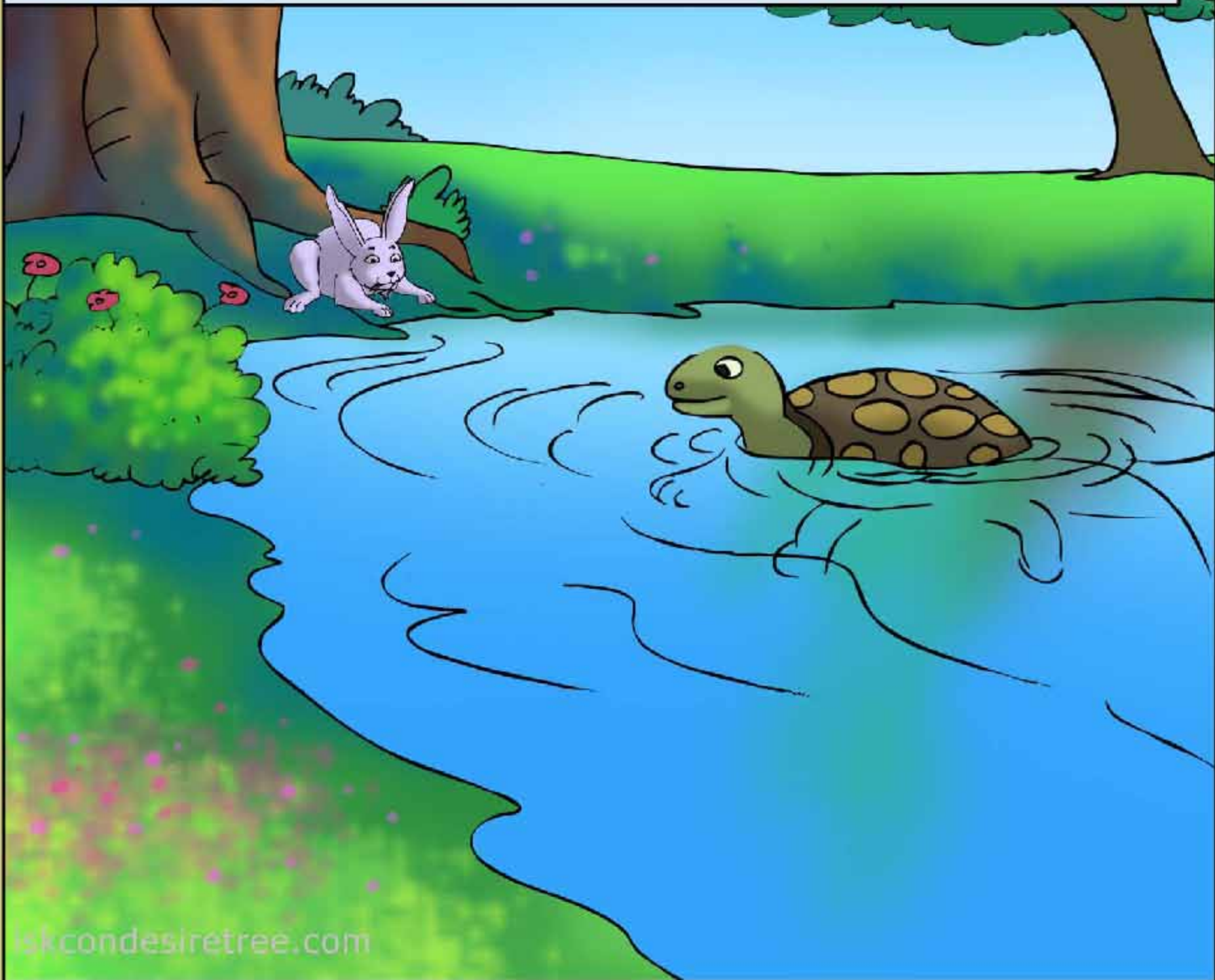


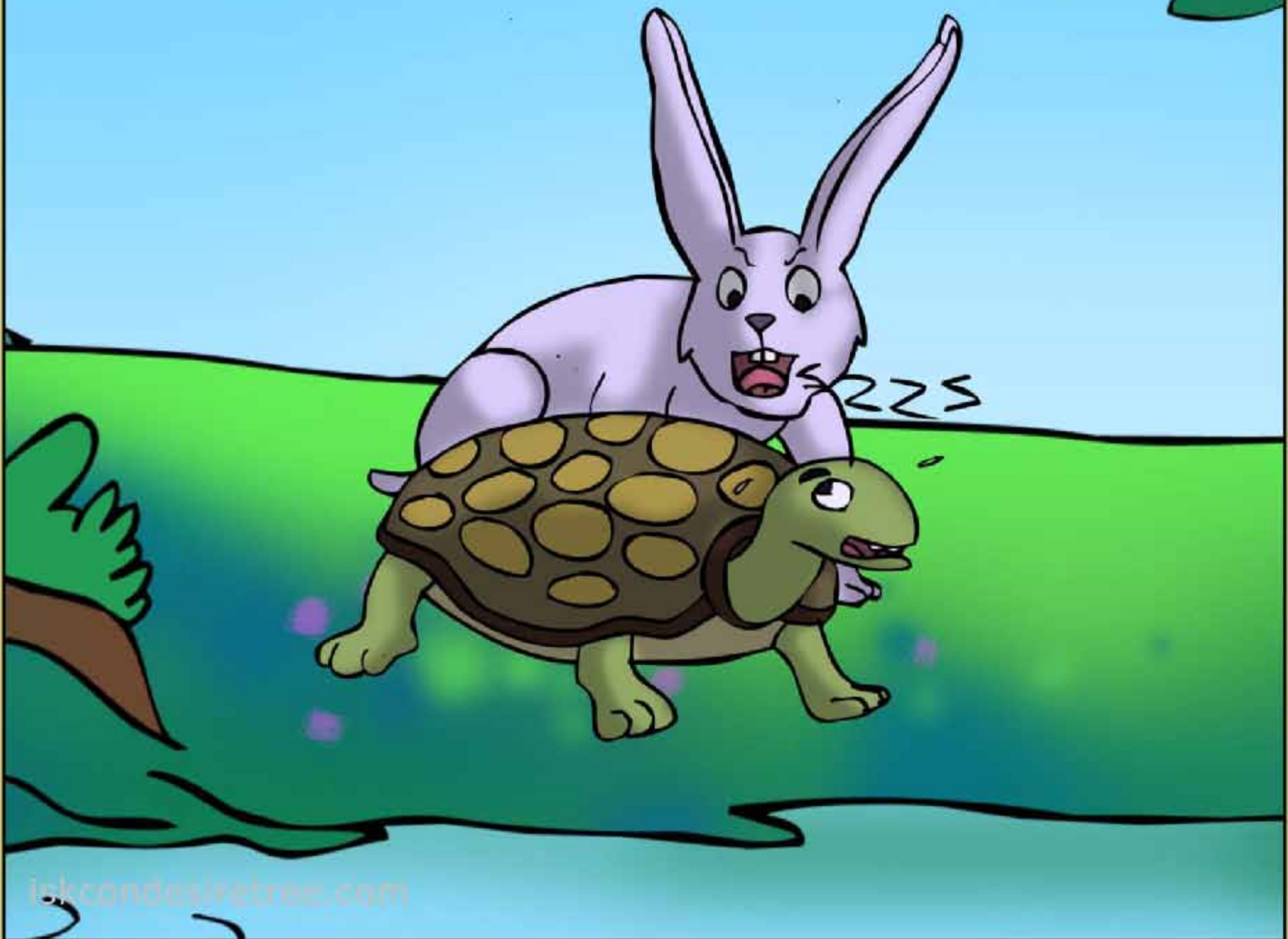
THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE



There was one lake. There lived one tortoise. On the bank of that lake, lived a hare



The tortoise would roam very slowly on the bank of the lake. At that time, the hare would come from behind and shout in tortoise ears



The tortoise would immediately cover his head and legs into his shell. Raising his ears, the hare would make fun of the tortoise and in great pride ask him....



The hare would repeatedly make fun of the slow speed of tortoise

Hey tortoise, should we both walk uptill himalayas?

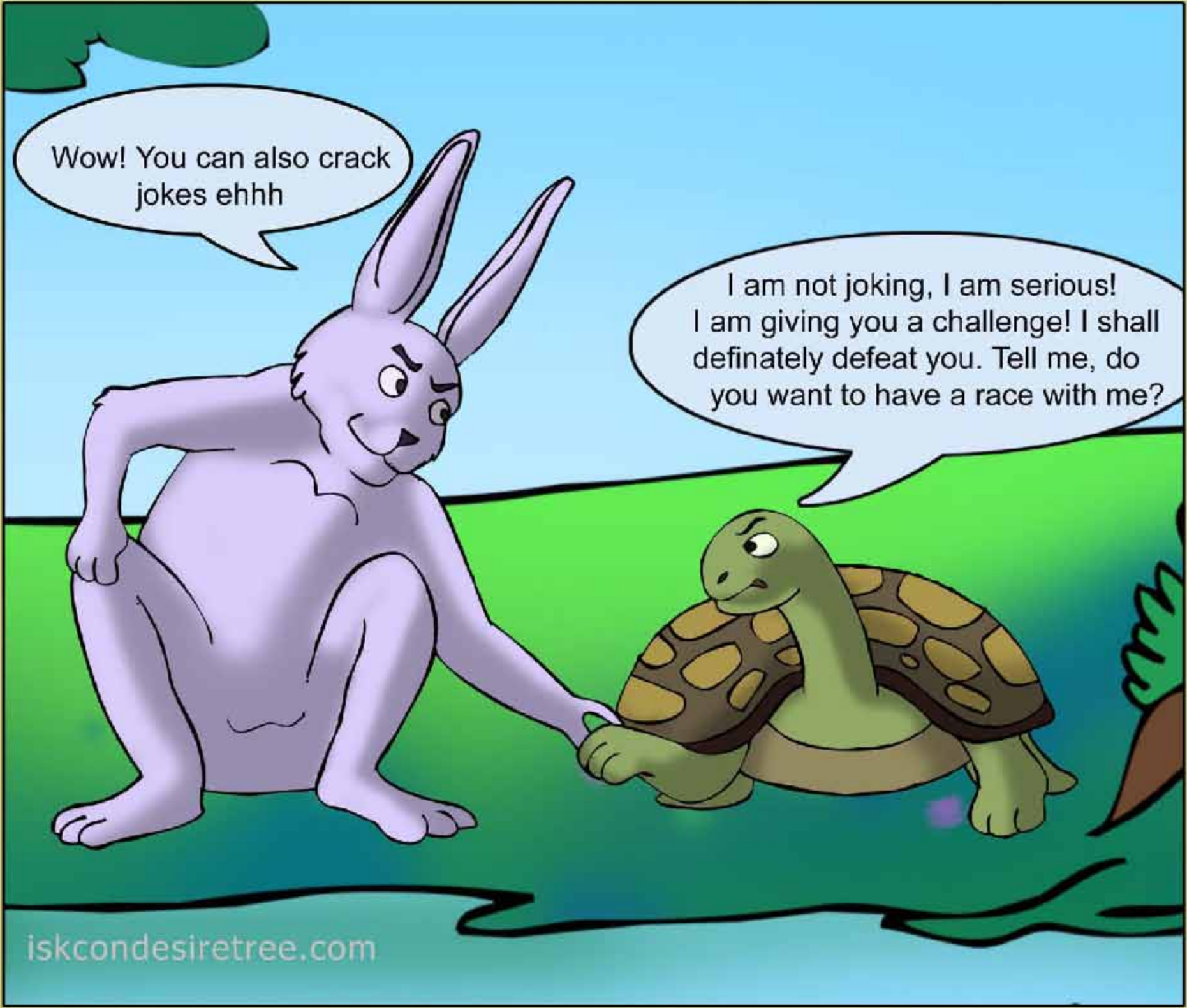


One day the tortoise was disgusted and said....

Stop making fun of me. If I decide once, I can definately beat you in walking. Tell me, do you want to race with me?



Hearing this, the hare shook his head and bursted out laughing



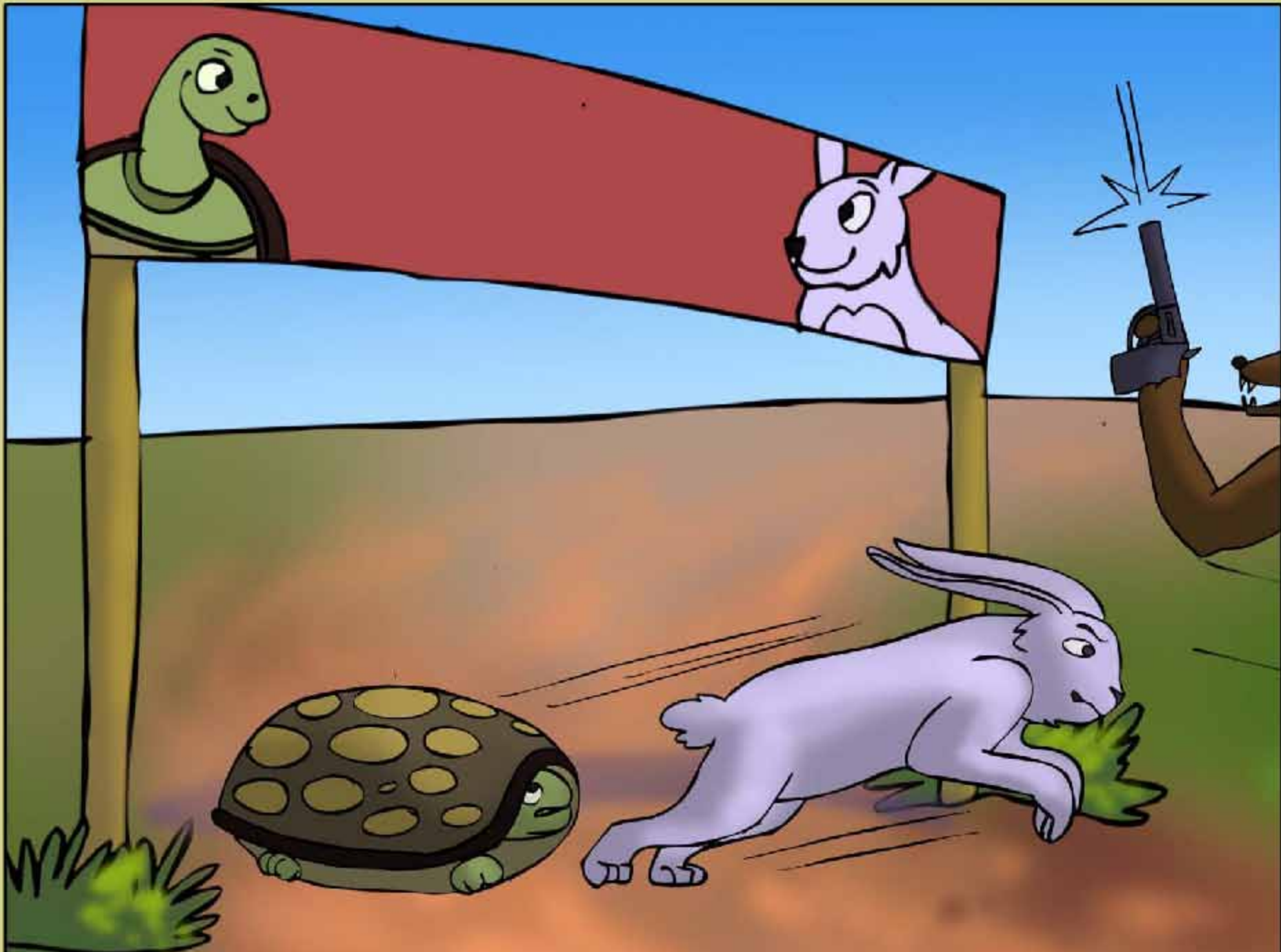
Wow! You can also crack jokes eh

I am not joking, I am serious!
I am giving you a challenge! I shall
definitely defeat you. Tell me, do
you want to have a race with me?

At last, both decided to have a race. Many animals gathered together. Monkeys reached with the microphone and video cameras. The crow and parrot were set to give a running commentary



It was decided that, both would circumambulate the huge lake and whoever returns first will be declared as the winner



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The fox shot a gun in the air. Immediately the hare began to run in great speed. The tortoise got afraid of the gun-shot so he hid his head and legs into the shell

He layed there still like a stone. All the animals were laughing at him

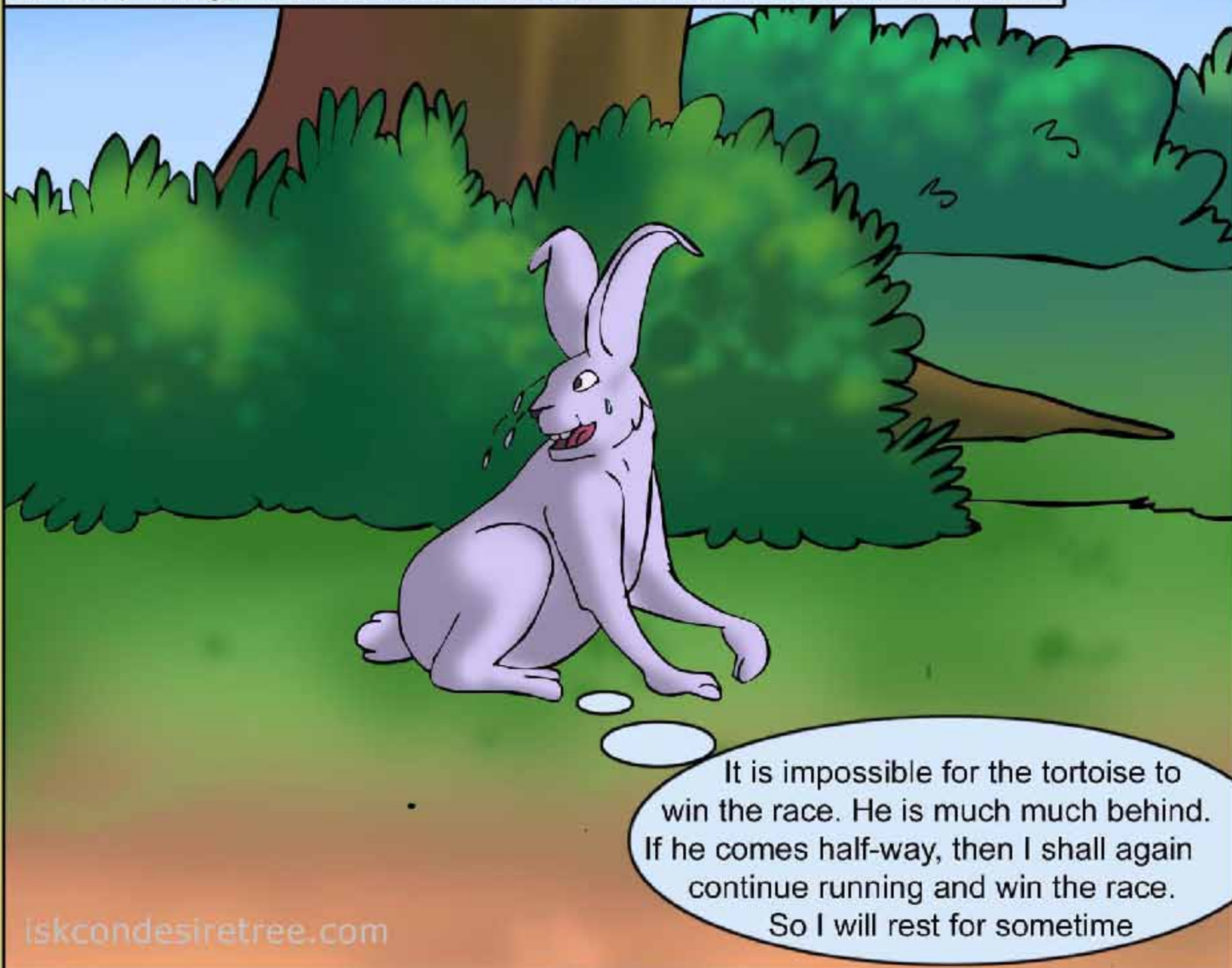
O foolish tortoise run behind the hare, otherwise the hare will circumambulate the lake and return now. And you will remain still here



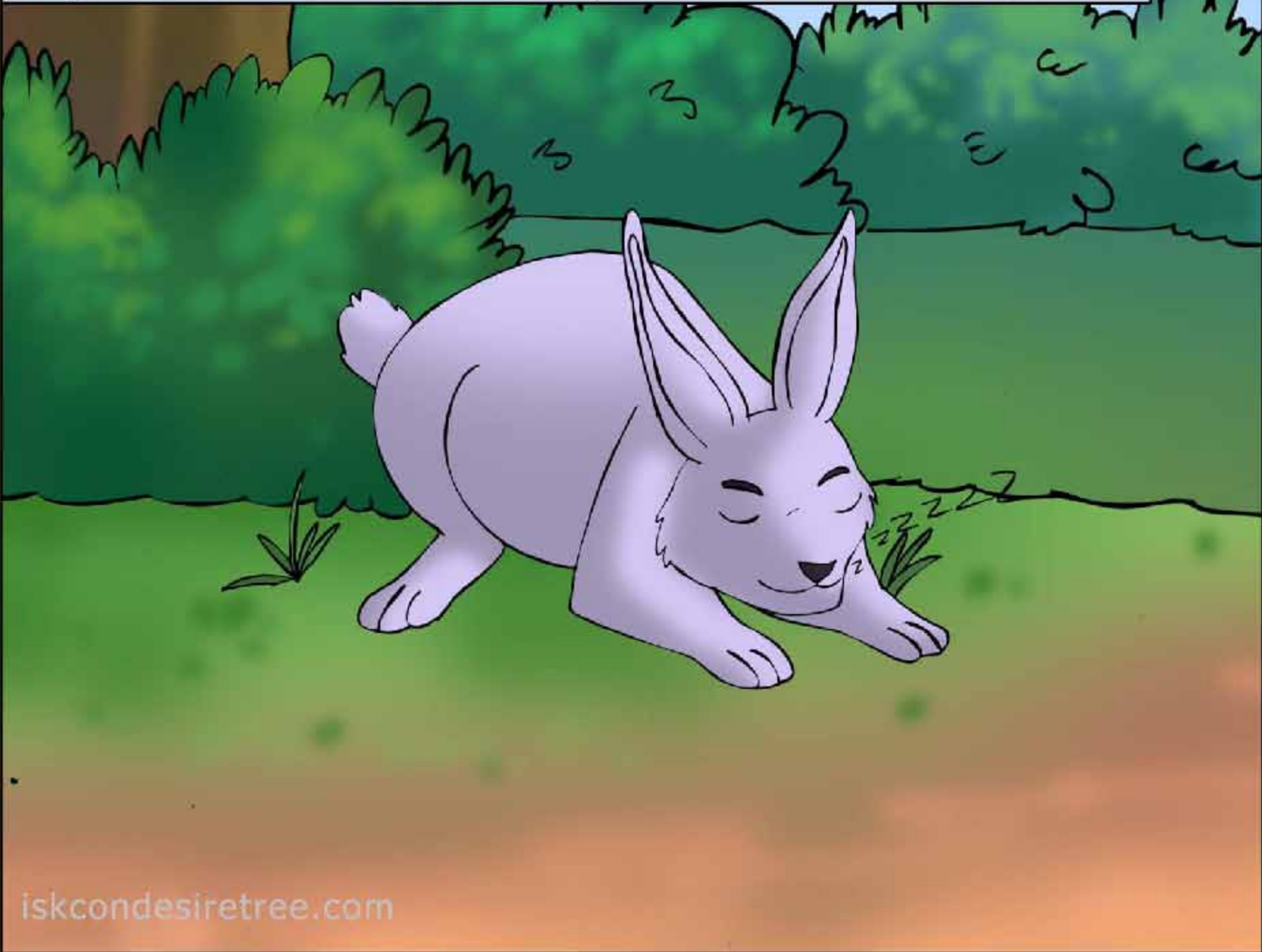
Hearing this, the tortoise began to walk slowly



Meantime, the hare had reached quite a long distance. Having run so fast he was panting. He turned back and saw, but he could not see the tortoise



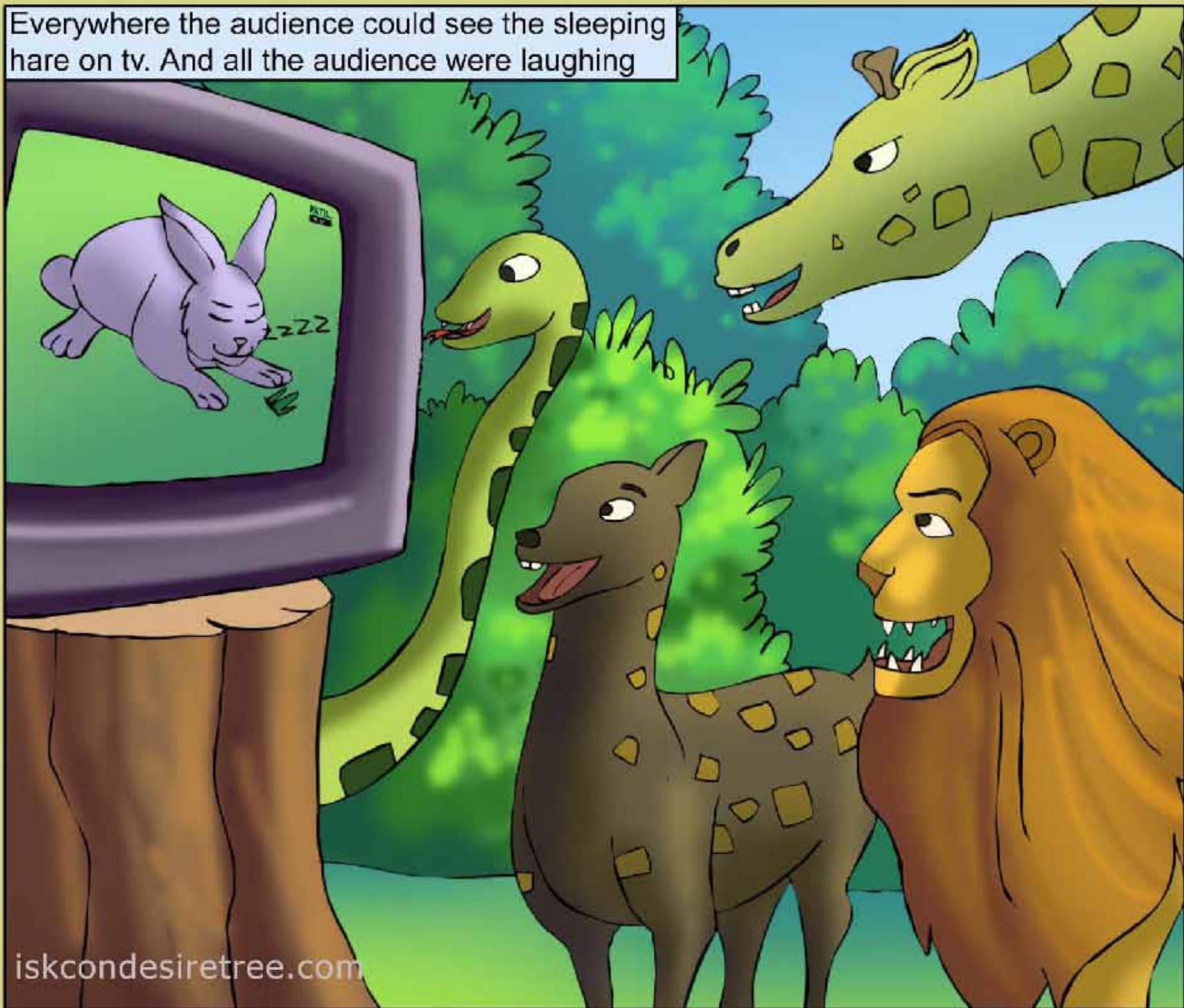
Thinking this, the hare laid down under the tree. Cool breeze was blowing and the hare was not been able to sleep for whole night because of the ecstasy of being telecasted on tv show for this race, therefore the hare fell asleep



The monkey captured the sleeping hare in his camera



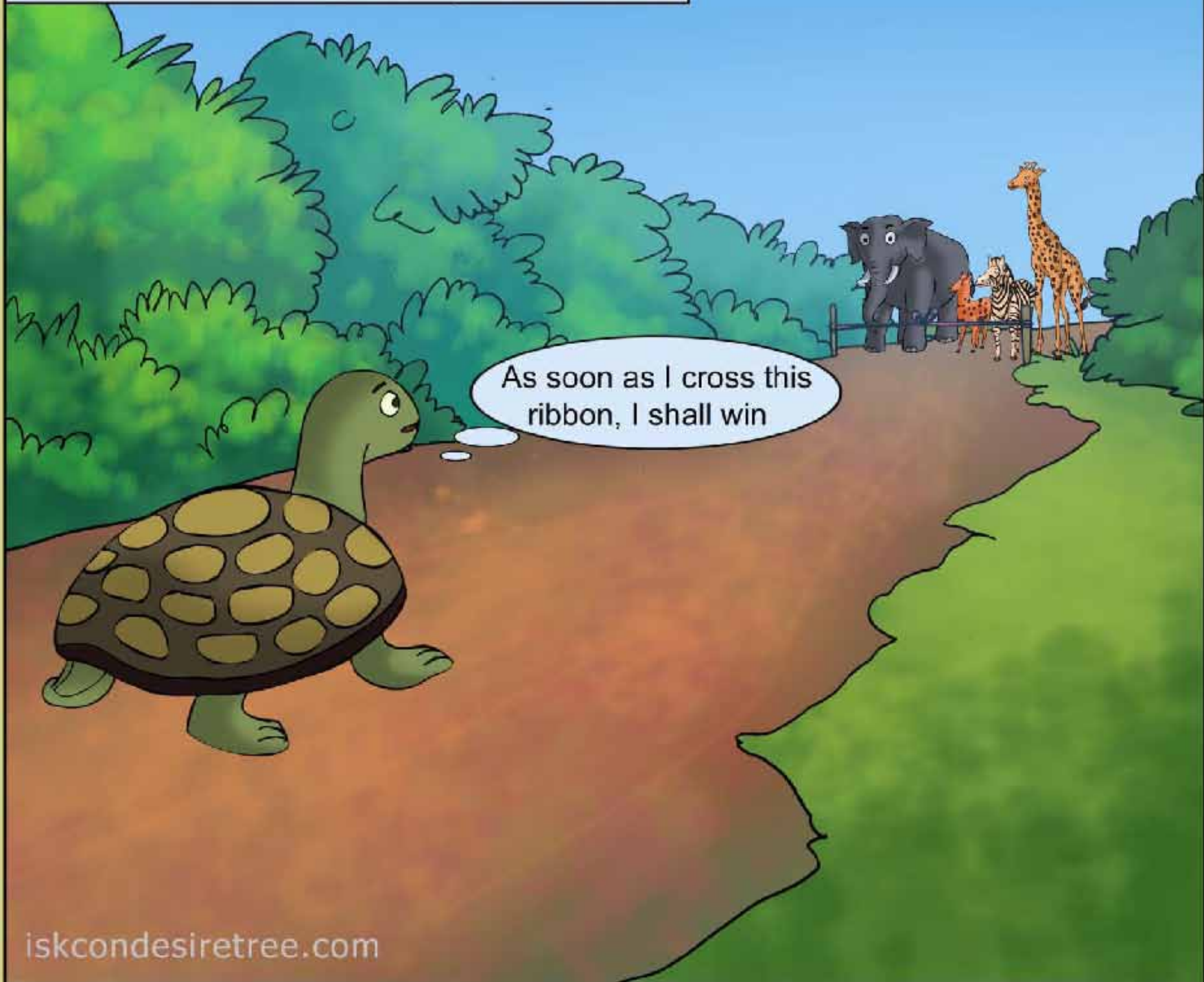
Everywhere the audience could see the sleeping hare on tv. And all the audience were laughing

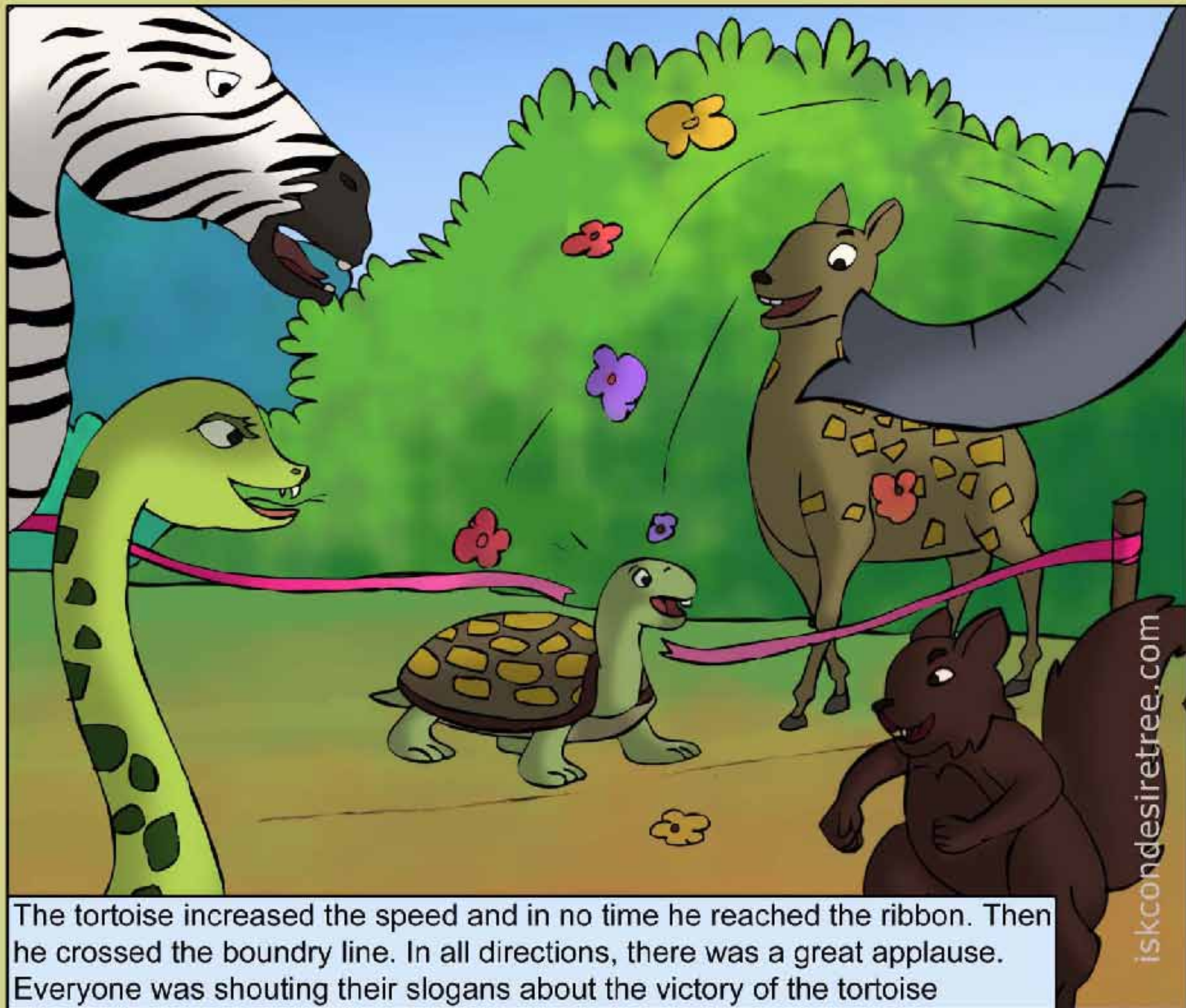


Suddenly the camera was fixed on tortoise. The tortoise overtook the hare and went ahead



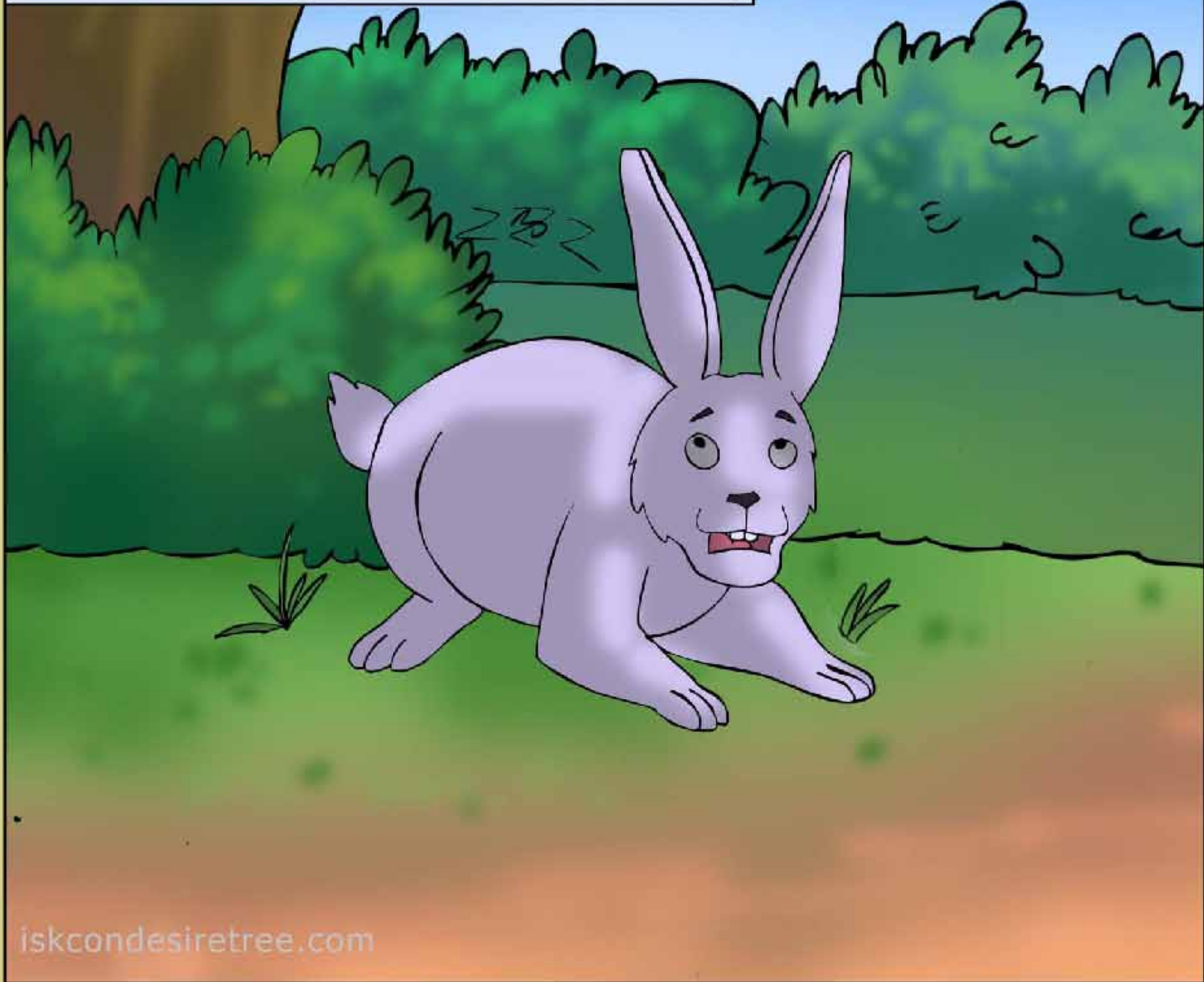
The tortoise could see the victory-ribbon from far



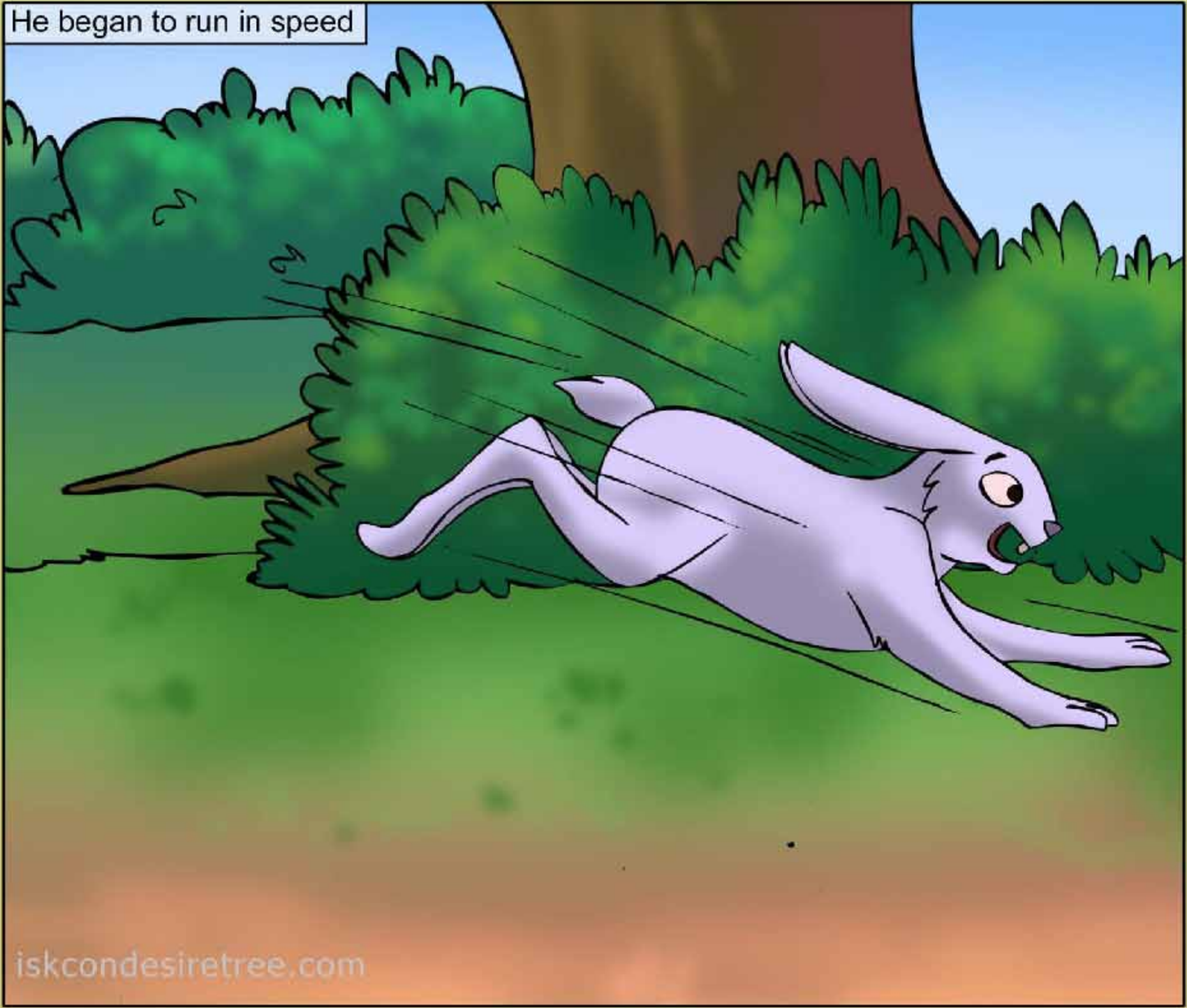


The tortoise increased the speed and in no time he reached the ribbon. Then he crossed the boundry line. In all directions, there was a great applause. Everyone was shouting their slogans about the victory of the tortoise

Due to the loud shouts of audience, the hare woke up



He began to run in speed



The hare saw that the tortoise had won the race. The audience was celebrating the victory of tortoise. The hare became disappointed



Suddenly one monkey leaped near him, held the mike in front of hare and asked.....

O hare, can you tell the reason why you lost?



MORAL :

Slow and steady wins the race